

Surah 85 Surah Burooj

THE STARS

THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH BUROOJ AND SURAH INSHIQAAQ

Compared to *Surah Inshiqaaq*, *Surah Burooj* includes more oaths to prove the advent of *Qiyaamah*. It also mentions *Towheed*, which was not explicitly mentioned in *Surah Inshiqaaq*.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

The opening three verses of the *Surah* contain three oaths which declare the coming of *Qiyaamah*. Verses 4 to 8 make reference to the atrocities that the *Kuffaar* perpetrate against the *Mu'mineen* in this world. Of course, in the *Aakhirah* the situation will be reversed because the *Kuffaar* will be the ones to suffer.

“...to Whom belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth. Allaah is Witness to everything” [verse 9]. This verse emphasises that everything is in Allaah's control, and that He is Omnipresent All-Seeing. Therefore, one should supplicate only to Him when in need. Verse 10 sounds a warning of punishment against those who harass the *Mu'mineen*, after which Allaah conveys glad tidings to the *Mu'mineen* in verse 11.

In verse 12, Allaah informs people that His punishment is severe, as will be the Day of *Qiyaamah*. Allaah then adds, **“Verily, it is He Who creates the first time and then creates again. He is the Most Forgiving, All Loving Owner of the Throne, the Majestic and the One Who does as He pleases”** [verses 13-16].

Verses 17 to 20 convey the message that just as the sky encompasses people so that they cannot proceed beyond its limits, Allaah's knowledge also encompasses everything. Nothing is hidden from Him and none can escape His punishment. Rebutting those who reject the *Qur'aan*, Allaah concludes the *Surah* by saying, **“But (far from being something that can be rejected,) it is the Glorious Qur'aan (which is recorded) in the Lowhul Mahfoodh (and therefore can not be altered in any way).”**

سُورَةُ الْبُرُوجِ مَكِّيَّةٌ هِيَ اثْنَاوَعَشْرُ آيَاتٍ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

وَالسَّمَاءِ ذَاتِ الْبُرُوجِ ۝١

1. By (the oath of) the sky filled with stars (the 12 constellations)!

وَالْيَوْمِ الْمَوْعُودِ ۝٢

2. By the promised day (the Day of Qiyaamah)!

وَشَاهِدٍ وَمَشْهُودٍ ۝٣

3. By the day (when the witness) presents itself (all those persons and things that will present evidence) and the day when people are presented (on the plain of Arafat, namely the day of Arafat the 9th of Dhul Hijjah)!

قَتَلَ أَصْحَابُ الْأُخْدُودِ ۝٤

4. (Referring to a nation of Kuffaar who killed many Mu'mineen because they accepted Imaan at the hands of a youngster, Allaah says,) **Accursed (slain) are the people of the trenches** (who dug trenches)...

النَّارِ ذَاتِ الْوُوقُودِ ۝٥

5. ...those of the heavily fuelled fire (who lit fires in the trenches to burn the Mu'mineen alive)...

إِذْ هُمْ عَلَيْهَا قُعُودٌ ۝٦

6. ...when they sat by the trenches...

وَهُمْ عَلَىٰ مَا يَفْعَلُونَ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ شُهُودٌ ۝٧

7. ...and were witnesses to (saw with their own eyes) what (atrocities) they (the king and His councillors) did to the Mu'mineen.

وَمَا نَقَمُوا مِنْهُمْ إِلَّا أَنْ يُؤْمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ الْعَزِيزِ الْحَمِيدِ ۝٨

8. They (these Kuffaar) found no fault (excuse for revenge) in them (no excuse to kill the Mu'mineen) except that they believed in Allaah, the Mighty, Most Worthy of praise...

الَّذِي لَهُ مُلْكُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَإِلَهُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ شَهِيدٌ ۝٩

9. ...to Whom belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth. Allaah is Witness to everything (and will severely punish the Kuffaar for what they did).

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ فَتَنُوا الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ ثُمَّ لَمْ يَتُوبُوا فَلَهُمْ عَذَابُ جَهَنَّمَ وَلَهُمْ عَذَابُ الْحَرِيقِ ۝١٠

10. Verily those who harm the Mu'mineen and Mu'minaat and do not repent thereafter, for them shall be the punishment of Jahannam and the punishment of burning.

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَهُمْ جَنَّاتٌ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ ذَلِكَ الْفَوْزُ الْكَبِيرُ ۝١١

11. Most certainly (no doubt), those who have Imaan and who carry out good deeds shall have Jannaat beneath which rivers flow. That is the supreme success (even though they had to suffer temporarily in the world).

إِنَّ بَطْشَ رَبِّكَ لَشَدِيدٌ ۝١٢

12. Undoubtedly, the grasp (punishment) of your Rabb is severe indeed.

إِنَّهُ هُوَ يُبْدِئُ وَيُعِيدُ ۝١٣

13. Verily, it is He Who creates the first time and then creates again.

وَهُوَ الْغَفُورُ الْودُودُ ۝١٤

14. He is the Most Forgiving, All Loving...

ذُو الْعَرْشِ الْمَجِيدُ ۝١٥

15. ...Owner of the Throne, the Majestic (glorious)...

فَعَالٌ لِّمَا يُرِيدُ ۝١٦

16. ...and the One Who does as He pleases. (None can question Allaah.)

هَلْ أَتَاكَ حَدِيثُ الْجُنُودِ ۝١٧

17. Has the news of the *(destroyed)* armies reached you?

فِرْعَوْنَ وَثَمُودَ ۝١٨

18. *(The armies of)* Fir'oun and the Thamud?

بَلِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فِي تَكْذِيبٍ ۝١٩

19. However, *(instead of taking heed from these incidents and accepting Imaan,)* the Kuffaar are *(persistent)* in rejecting *(the truth of the Qur'aan)*...

وَاللَّهُ مِنْ وَرَائِهِمْ مُحِيطٌ ۝٢٠

20. ...whereas Allaah surrounds them from all over. *(He knows whatever they think, say and do and will punish them for their evil.)*

بَلْ هُوَ قُرْآنٌ مَجِيدٌ ۝٢١

21. But *(far from being something that can be rejected,)* it is the Glorious Qur'aan...

فِي لَوْحٍ مَحْفُوظٍ ۝٢٢

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22...*(which is recorded)* in the “Lowhul Mahfoodh” *(and can therefore not be altered in any way).*